

# Hanford Reach

Hanford Site Employee News

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## Publication of the *Hanford Reach* will end Sept. 29

The *Hanford Reach* staff would like to thank you, the readers, for your interest and support over the past 13 years.

The *Hanford Reach* has chronicled work at the Hanford Site almost since cleanup began. The planning for the *Reach* coincided with the declaration by Westinghouse Hanford Company management, in the fall of 1990, that the company's sole mission would be environmental cleanup.

The *Hanford Reach* was intended to communicate as one voice to all company employees involved in the cleanup mission. The first issue came out on Nov. 5, 1990, and in 1994 the *Reach* became a DOE publication for all employees on the site. It has shared the ups and downs of our cleanup work in more than 600 weekly issues.

Today, as opposed to the consolidation of Hanford contracts that had occurred in the late 1980s, the site has two Environmental Management field offices — the Richland Operations Office and the Office of River Protection — each with multiple contractors and many subcontractors doing portions of the cleanup. In addition, the site will soon welcome the DOE Office of Science to oversee the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

The way DOE communicates with Hanford employees and stakeholders is changing along with the changes in the nature of the work itself. The communications function is being driven by the need to ensure that the site is accomplishing as much cleanup as possible for the funding Hanford is allocated each year.

As a part of that transition, and to support their respective areas of focus, ORP and CH2M HILL Hanford Group began to publish their own independent publications. The Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and Bechtel Hanford Company also produce newsletters for their own employees. Fluor Hanford is developing its own employee newsletter.

Thus, in order to reduce duplication of communication efforts, the decision was made to discontinue publication of the *Reach* at the end of this fiscal year. The final issue of the *Hanford Reach* will be published on Sept. 29.

Without the *Reach*, each site contractor will be responsible for communicating with its own employees. Workers will receive information on classes, vanpools, professional society meetings, recreational activities, shoemobile visits and other routine but important notices from DOE and contractor publications.

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## Publication of the *Hanford Reach* will end Sept. 29, cont.

DOE-RL will produce an electronic newsletter to present information about the successes and challenges of cleanup.

Past issues of the *Hanford Reach* are archived in bound volumes in the DOE Reading Room on the Washington State University Tri-Cities campus and will soon be at the CREHST Museum. You can visit the *Hanford Reach* Web site at [http://www. hanford.gov/reach/](http://www.hanford.gov/reach/) to view pdf versions of the *Hanford Reach* from 2001 through 2003. ■